

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 7 wherein the cellular protease is calpain.

7. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 6~~ A method of decreasing viral replication in cells, the method comprising decreasing levels of functional cellular protease in the cells by exposing the cells to a calpain inhibitor, wherein the viral replication is caused by a human cytomegalovirus, a herpes simplex virus, or a varicellar zoster virus wherein decreasing levels of functional calpain comprises exposing the cells to a calpain inhibitor.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the calpain inhibitor is E64D or Z-Leu-Leu-H.

9.-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~9~~ 15 wherein the cellular protease is calpain.

15. (Currently) ~~The method of claim 14~~ A method of treating a viral infection in a subject, the method comprising administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to decrease levels of functional cellular protease in cells of the subject wherein the viral infection is caused by a human cytomegalovirus, a herpes simplex virus, or a varicellar zoster virus and the compound is a calpain inhibitor wherein the compound is an inhibitor of the cellular protease.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the calpain inhibitor is E64d or Z-Leu-Leu-H.

17.- 18. (Canceled)